

and I was asked to preside. Now, remember, there are 435 Members of the House of Representatives, and I was a freshman. Oh, was I happy—a great big podium and a great big gavel, which I did not have to use. I would not have known how to anyway. But I look back with a lot of fond memories to that 25 years ago.

But we appreciate the Senator being here today. Most of this work of this Senate is completed, and we have to have someone who is presiding. The Senator has been very patient with all of us. We appreciate it very much. But this speaks of who you are. You are always a very patient person. I am grateful to you, as we all are.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NOMINATIONS STATUS QUO

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that, the provisions of rule XXXI notwithstanding, all nominations remain in status quo except the following: from the Armed Services Committee, Colonels Larry Arnett, Otis Morris, and Gilberto Pena to be brigadier generals; Colonel Marc L. Warren to be brigadier general; Colonel Mark W. Tillman to be brigadier general; Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy; from the Committee on the Judiciary, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 117, 372, 377, 393, 408, 409, 411, 412 through 427, 433 through 438, and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

##### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2012.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

##### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

W. Ross Ashley, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

##### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Jon Wellinghoff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2013.

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

James Shinn, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Mary Beth Long, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John H. Gibson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Craig W. Duehring, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### To be general

Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Richard Y. Newton, III, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### To be brigadier general

Col. Walter D. Givhan, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William L. Shelton, 0000

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

##### To be brigadier general

Col. Allyson R. Solomon, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### To be brigadier general

Col. Christopher F. Burne, 0000

Col. Dwight D. Creasy, 0000

##### IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### To be brigadier general

Colonel Robert B. Abrams, 0000

Colonel Ralph O. Baker, 0000

Colonel Allen W. Batschelet, 0000

Colonel Peter C. Bayer, Jr., 0000

Colonel Arnold N.G. Bray, 0000

Colonel Jeffrey S. Buchanan, 0000

Colonel Robert A. Carr, 0000

Colonel Gary H. Cheek, 0000

Colonel Kendall P. Cox, 0000

Colonel William T. Crosby, 0000

Colonel Anthony G. Crutchfield, 0000

Colonel Joseph P. Disalvo, 0000

Colonel Brian J. Donahue, 0000

Colonel Patrick J. Donahue, II, 0000

Colonel Peter N. Fuller, 0000

Colonel William K. Fuller, 0000

Colonel Walter M. Golden, Jr., 0000

Colonel Patrick M. Higgins, 0000

Colonel Frederick B. Hodges, 0000

Colonel Brian R. Layer, 0000

Colonel Richard C. Longo, 0000

Colonel Alan R. Lynn, 0000

Colonel David L. Mann, 0000

Colonel Lloyd Miles, 0000

Colonel Mark A. Milley, 0000

Colonel John W. Nicholson, Jr., 0000

Colonel Henry J. Nowak, 0000

Colonel Raymond P. Palumbo, 0000

Colonel Gary S. Patton, 0000

Colonel Mark W. Perrin, 0000

Colonel William E. Rapp, 0000

Colonel Thomas J. Richardson, 0000

Colonel Steven L. Salazar, 0000

Colonel Raymond A. Thomas, III, 0000

Colonel Paul L. Wentz, 0000

Colonel Larry D. Wyche, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### To be major general

Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

##### To be brigadier general

Col. Dana K. Chipman, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

##### To be major general

Brig. Gen. Dennis L. Celletti, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt, 0000

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

Carl T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

##### To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael R. Seward, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to